AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A write once optical recording medium comprising: a recording layer on a supporting body, and

a light transmitting protective layer formed successively on a supporting body, said recording layer, for recording and reproduction by irradiating a laser beam of a 380 to 450 nm wavelength from the

wherein

<u>said</u> light transmitting protective layer side, <u>transmits a laser beam of a 380 to 450 nm</u> wavelength,

said laser beam records and reproduces signals in said recording layer, characterized in that $\lambda \max \leq 370$ nm on the premise that the

<u>said</u> wavelength providing the peak optical absorption coefficient of the <u>said</u> recording layer is defined to be λ_{max} and

said λ_{max} is less than or equal to 370 nm.

2. (Currently amended) The write once optical recording medium according to claim 1, characterized in that the wherein said recording layer contains a compound represented by the below-mentioned [chemical formula 10]:

[Chemical Formula 10]

[[(]]wherein each of Ar₁, Ar₂, Ar₃, Ar₄ are a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted biphenyl group, that may be the same or different.[[)]

3. (Currently amended)) The write once optical recording medium according to claim 1, characterized in that the wherein said recording layer contains a compound represented by the below-mentioned [chemical formula 11]:

[Chemical Formula 11]

[[(]]wherein each of Ar₅, Ar₆, Ar₇, Ar₈, Ar₉, Ar₁₀ are a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted biphenyl group, that may be same or different.[[)]]

- 4. (Currently amended)) The write once optical recording medium according to claim 1, eharacterized in that wherein said recording layer contains C_{n_2}
- [[(]]wherein, n is an integer of 60 or more capable of obtaining a geometrically spherical compound[[)]].
- 5. (Currently amended) The write once optical recording medium according to claim 4, characterized in that wherein n of said C_n is 60.
- 6. (Currently amended) The write once optical recording medium according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein said recording layer contains a compound represented by the below-mentioned [Chemical Formula 12]:

 [Chemical Formula 12]

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[[(]]wherein each of Ar₁₁, Ar₁₂, Ar₁₃, Ar₁₄ are a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted biphenyl group, that may be the same or different.[[)]